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To amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the
Ukrainian American Veterans, Incorporated.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2001

Mr. BONIOR (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BORSKI, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FROST, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HORN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. STUPAK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal
charter to the Ukrainian American Veterans, Incorporated.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ukrainian American
5 Veterans Charter Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHARTER FOR UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS,**
 2 **INCORPORATED.**

3 Part B of subtitle II of title 36, United States Code,
 4 is amended by inserting after chapter 2103 the following
 5 new chapter:

6 **“CHAPTER 2200—UKRAINIAN AMERICAN**
 7 **VETERANS, INCORPORATED**

“Sec.

“220001. Definition.

“220002. Organization.

“220003. Purposes.

“220004. Powers.

“220005. Restrictions.

“220006. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status.

“220007. Records and inspection.

“220008. Liability for acts of officers and agents.

“220009. Annual report.

8 **“§ 220001. Definition**

9 “For purposes of this chapter, ‘State’ includes the
 10 District of Columbia and the territories and possessions
 11 of the United States.

12 **“§ 220002. Organization**

13 “(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The Ukrainian American
 14 Veterans, Incorporated (in this chapter, the ‘corporation’),
 15 incorporated in New York, is a federally chartered cor-
 16 poration.

17 “(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation
 18 does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the
 19 charter granted by this chapter expires.

1 **“§ 220003. Purposes**

2 “(a) GENERAL.—The purposes of the corporation are
3 as provided in its articles of incorporation and include a
4 commitment, on a national basis, to—

5 “(1) preserve, protect, and defend the Constitu-
6 tion of the United States;

7 “(2) commemorate the wars, campaigns, and
8 military actions of the United States in respect,
9 honor, and tribute of the veterans of the Armed
10 Forces;

11 “(3) promote a greater understanding of, and
12 appreciation for, the sacrifices made by the veterans
13 of the Armed Forces;

14 “(4) stimulate, to the highest degree possible,
15 the interest of the people of the United States in the
16 problems faced by the veterans of the Armed Forces,
17 their widows, and orphans;

18 “(5) collect, edit, publish, and preserve records
19 and artifacts of the patriotic service of veterans of
20 the Armed Forces; and

21 “(6) foster the association of individuals of
22 Ukrainian descent who have served in the Armed
23 Forces.

24 “(b) CORPORATE FUNCTION.—The corporation shall
25 function as an educational, patriotic, civic, and historical

1 organization under the laws of each State in which it is
2 incorporated.

3 **“§ 220004. Powers**

4 “The corporation has only the powers provided in its
5 bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in
6 which it is incorporated.

7 **“§ 220005. Restrictions**

8 “(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may
9 not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

10 “(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation and
11 any officer or director of the corporation, acting as such
12 officer or director, may not contribute to, support, or oth-
13 erwise participate in any political activity or in any man-
14 ner attempt to influence legislation.

15 “(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—No
16 part of the income or assets of the corporation may inure
17 to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any member, officer,
18 or director of the corporation during the life of this char-
19 ter. No provision in this subsection may be construed to
20 prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to the
21 officers and employees of the corporation or the reim-
22 bursement of actual necessary expenses in amounts ap-
23 proved by the board of directors of the corporation.

1 “(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make any
2 loan to any member, officer, director, or employee of the
3 corporation.

4 “(e) CLAIMS OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AU-
5 THORITY.—The corporation may not claim the approval
6 of the Congress or the authorization of the Federal Gov-
7 ernment for any of its activities.

8 **“§ 220006. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-ex-**
9 **empt status**

10 “(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall
11 maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under
12 the laws of New York.

13 “(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall
14 maintain its status as an organization exempt from tax-
15 ation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.
16 1 et seq.).

17 **“§ 220007. Records and inspection**

18 “(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

19 “(1) correct and complete records of account;

20 “(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members,
21 board of directors, and committees having any of the
22 authority of its board of directors; and

23 “(3) at its principal office, a record of the
24 names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

1 **“§ 220008. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

2 “The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers
3 and agents within the scope of their authority.

4 **“§ 220009. Annual report**

5 “The corporation shall submit an annual report to
6 Congress on the activities of the corporation during the
7 prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the
8 same time as the report of the audit required by section
9 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a
10 public document.”.

11 **SEC. 3. CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**

12 The table of chapters at the beginning of subtitle II
13 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by inserting
14 after the item relating to chapter 2103 the following new
15 item:

“2200. Ukrainian American Veterans, Incorporated220001”.

